

Village of Stonington

118 E Fourth Street – PO Box 290 – Stonington, IL 62567 – (217)325-3621

Chapter 7. Water

Chapter 8. Gas

Chapter 10. Utilities

*******Application for Service Connection*******

A. Name of person requesting water/gas service (legal name) _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Copy of Driver's License: Yes _____ No _____

B. Applicant is (if buying on contract, please check renter): Renter (fill out a) _____ Owner (fill out b) _____

a. Renter: Name, Address, Phone of home owner: _____

b. Owner will be/is living at the address for which service is requested: Yes _____ No _____

C. Deposit (to be filled out by Village employee)

a. \$50 water service deposit paid: Yes _____ No _____

b. \$100 gas service deposit paid: Yes _____ No _____

Payment type: Check Cash Credit Card Debit Card Money Order Other

D. Applicant has read and is familiar with the appropriate Articles and Regulations of the Village Code and agrees to abide by and accept all such Provisions of said Code relating to water and/or gas service

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF - TRAVIS PEDEN	325-4221
ZONING OFFICER - DOUG HOY	325-3223
TRASH SERVICE – IV CONTAINER	425-4897
CABLE - NEWWAVE COMMUNICATIONS	866-460-9283
ELECTRIC SERVICE - SHELBY ELECTRIC	800-677-2612
TELEPHONE - CONSOLIDATED	800-553-9981
DOG CATCHER - ALAN REMMERT	325-3321

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Dear Resident,

The Village of Stonington has recently adopted a new policy regarding late payments of utility bills. Residents will receive their utility bill on or around the 1st of each month, and payments are due no later than the 17th of each month. If your account has not been paid by the 17th of the month, a 10% penalty will be added to your account balance, and a disconnection notice will be mailed out. **You will receive no further notice or reminder of this past due amount.** If the 17th falls on a weekend or holiday, the payment is due on the next working day.

On the 28th of each month, we will commence disconnections of utilities for accounts that have not been paid. If utilities are disconnected, there will be a \$25 disconnect fee and a \$25 reconnect fee **per utility** added to your account. The past due balance must be paid, as well as the \$25 disconnect fee, before utilities can be reconnected. The \$25 reconnect fee will be added to your next bill.

Utilities will not be reconnected outside of regular office hours of 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

President and Board of Trustees
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Important Notice To Our Customers

Federal Regulation #192.16 requires that we notify you to exercise diligence regarding underground or buried gas piping. Buried pipe may be subject to leakage and/or corrosion (corrosion may occur on metallic pipe) and could potentially be subject to hazards if not maintained.

Remember that any and all gas pipe downstream (house side) of the gas meter belongs to you, the gas consumer, and the gas consumer is responsible for maintenance and operation of this portion of the fuel line system. We do not own the gas line beyond the meter; therefore, we do not routinely maintain or locate fuel lines there. Commercial plumbers and/or heating contractors may be contacted if and when gas fuel lines need attention.

Buried gas piping should be:

- ❖ Periodically inspected for leaks
- ❖ Periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic
- ❖ Repaired if any unsafe condition is discovered, or the flow of gas should be shut off.
- ❖ When excavation is performed or is about to be performed near the buried gas piping, the piping should be located and marked in advance, and any excavating performed near the pipe should be done by hand. Should you plan to dig around buried gas piping, you should call JULIE 2 days in advance of digging in order for all utility-owned buried pipe or cable may be located. **The number to call JULIE is 1-800-892-0123, or 811.** This is a free service.

You may disregard this notice if you do not have buried piping beyond the gas meter.

If we can answer any questions regarding this notice, please give us a call at 217-325-3621.

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! WARNING !

NATURAL GAS ODORANT WARNING INFORMATION

CAUTION: ABSENCE OF ODOR MUST NOT BE TAKEN TO MEAN THE ABSENCE OF NATURAL GAS, NOR SHOULD A JUDGMENT OF THE CONCENTRATION OF NATURAL GAS BE MADE BY THE INTENSITY OF THE ODOR

Natural gas odorants are highly odorous sulfur-containing hydrocarbons that are added to the natural gas stream to provide a warning of a gas leak.

No one odorant or no one rate of odorization will be 100% effective in warning of the presence of natural gas. Basic knowledge of the properties and characteristics of natural gas and odorants used for natural gas can be extremely helpful for those involved in the gas odorization process.

Loss or diminished odor intensity can be caused by chemical reactions including oxidation; adsorption and/or absorption; and masking by other components in pipes and distribution systems carrying odorized natural gas.

Chemical Oxidation: Contact with rust or other oxidation agents can, under certain conditions, cause the odorant to convert to its corresponding disulfide that has a weaker odor than the original odorant.

Adsorption: The odorant can adhere to the surfaces of solid structures or liquids with which it is in contact thus reducing the amount of odorant remaining in the gas system.

Absorption: The odorant can dissolve into liquids with which it is in contact thus reducing the amount of odorant remaining in the gas stream.

In an underground leak of odorized natural gas, the odorant may be adsorbed by the soil while the natural gas is not as greatly adsorbed and, therefore, there is a possibility that in

the event of a natural gas leak a reduced amount of odorant or no odorant will remain in the leaked natural gas.

Some tests indicate that masonry surfaces can adsorb LP-Gas odorant in greater concentrations than LP-Gas. These tests indicate the same could be true for natural gas. If masonry surfaces adsorb odorant in such a manner, then other surfaces – such as cloth in draperies and furniture and the relatively porous surfaces of wood – might also adsorb and/or absorb odorant in greater concentrations than natural gas.

Extremely cold weather can affect the amount of odorant in natural gas and, thus, may reduce odorant effectiveness.

The physical condition and state of mind of an individual as well as the surroundings and the individual's attentiveness can have an effect upon the ability to detect odors, including, but not limited to, natural gas odorants (i.e., natural gas odorants and of an individual sulfur compound).

- **Some people have no sense of smell and can detect no odors.**
- **Some people have an impaired sense of smell that results in reduced sensitivity to all odors or, alternatively, results in no sense for only certain odors (i.e., natural gas odorants and other sulfur compounds).**
- **Common colds, allergies, and smoking can also decrease an individual's ability to smell.**
- **Other odorants in the areas, such as a musty basement, may mask or cover the natural gas odor.**
- **In some cases, the natural gas odor is not detected simply because people are concentrating on something else and their minds are distracted from detecting the odor.**
- **Olfactory adaptation to the odorant can occur if an individual does not quickly and immediately respond to the presence of the natural gas odorant.**
- **Sleeping persons may not be awakened by, and therefore may not detect the odor of escaped odorized natural gas**

Since loss of the distinctive odor of odorized natural gas can occur under some conditions, periodic testing by all persons handling natural gas, before sale to the ultimate customer, is advisable to determine that the rate of odorization is adequate to comply with all regulatory requirements and safety considerations.